

Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
June 1, 2018
The Branch Museum
2501 Monument Ave, Richmond, VA 23220

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 10:00am 1.1 **CALL TO ORDER**
Sandy Bond, Calder Loth, Bob Mills, Donna Tuten, Helen Wilson
- 1.2 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Director, Division of Engineering and Buildings.
- 1.3 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion: Mr. Bond
Second: Ms. Wilson
Recommend Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2018 meeting
- 1.4 **OTHER BUSINESS**

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 10:10am 2.1 **DOC – Trailer Demolition**
- 2.2 **Va Tech – Recreational Sports Challenge Course**
Virginia Tech Recreational Sports plans to design and construct an adventure-based challenge course which will be utilized by their “Venture Out” outdoor recreational program. The challenge course will be utilized by Venture Out to host a variety of groups on campus to facilitate the development of educational, developmental and recreational goals. Challenge courses have been installed in numerous other major state universities around the country and have proven to be an excellent resource for the recreational sports departments that offer them. The area around the challenge course will have site improvements including minor site grading, sidewalk and paved ADA parking spaces. There is also an ADA compliant path from the parking spaces to different parts of the course. A fence to appropriately secure the obstacles will be developed and installed prior to completion.
- 2.3 **Va Tech – Fitness Park**
Virginia Tech Student Affairs intends to design and construct a fitness park which will be utilized by students in one of the residential quads (Prairie Quad). The fitness park will be utilized by students on campus to facilitate the development of educational, developmental and recreational goals in promoting a healthy lifestyle. The fitness park concept includes components of both group and individual activity in the center of the residential quads. The

space currently has outdated basketball and volleyball courts which will also be renovated in addition to other equipment to be installed at the site. New equipment includes: parallel bars, a therapeutic balance beam, ring station, cross training fitness rack, plyometric box stations, a balance board station, and chin-up, knee lift and bench dip station. A combined fitness park assembly will also be installed called the Thrive 900. The area around the fitness park will have site improvements including minor site grading, lighting upgrade, and an ADA compliant sidewalk.

2.4 VCCS – New River Community College – Godbey Hall Entry Vestibule

The project is general described as a replacement of a large section of hollow metal framing and glazing, approximately 700 square feet of wall area, that has deteriorated due to age and weathering. The existing arrangement of entry doors on the north and south ends of a central corridor creates a wind tunnel when the prevailing winter winds are against the north façade; thereby pulling heat out of the building. The existing hollow metal frames are not thermally broken and are energy inefficient. The system will be replaced with a prefinished aluminum storefront system, with thermally broken frames and insulated glazing. An entry vestibule will be added to improve circulation, provide additional protection from the weather, and lessen the impact from the prevailing winds. The primary goals of the project are to replace an existing deteriorated hollow metal entry system to eliminate intrusion of the elements into the conditioned space and to improve circulation.

2.5 UVA – Athletics Temporary Facilities

The prefabricated modular units will have a uniformly light gray painted metal finish with clear anodized aluminum ramps and railings. The temporary structures for Sports Medicine and Strength Training will be white painted cement panel in a board and batten configuration with a dark gray metal roof. A perimeter fence of black chain-link will provide a secure area around the temporary facilities.

2.6 William & Mary – Griffin Plaza Pedestal Base

The design concept for the statue base is to construct the pedestal with a brick facing to match the existing stadium. Detailing of the pedestal shaft is based on existing detailing on the stadium arcade and adjacent low wall areas to provide the proper scale to the pedestal compared to the more substantial building elements. The pedestal cap is proposed to be constructed of cast stone, with a sandstone color to match building trim elements on adjacent structures.

2.7 VDOT – City of Norfolk – Main Street Mural

Puzzle-like painted artwork mural made up of separate shapes painted on MDO resin sign board installed with stainless steel bolts to the city engineer and state specifications.

2.8 GMU – “Bill of Rights Eagle” Dedication Plaque

A free standing bronze dedication plaque is proposed for the “Bill of Rights Eagle” Sculpture outside the main entrance of the Antonin Scalia Law School (Hazel Hall), George Mason University, Arlington Campus. The proposed dedication plaque is approximately 42 ½” high (from finished floor) by approximately 15” wide. The plaque is proposed to be mounted on a 3” high by 26” diameter bronze base. The plaque has been designed by the sculptor of the “Bill of Rights Eagle” sculpture, Mr. Greg Wyatt. The dedication plaque has a bronze finish to complement the existing bronze “Bill of Rights Eagle” Sculpture.

2.9 VDOT – Fredericksburg Safety Rest Area - HVAC Replacement

Replacement of existing HVAC system including rooftop packaged units.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Ms. Tuten

Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.9. Subject to DHR approval if required.

***Ms. Wilson recused from item 2.5.**

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 NSU – New Residential Facility

Previously presented to the board on April 6, 2018 with the following comments:

Further evaluate rhythm, pattern, size and colors of composite panels being proposed on the buildings and provide alternates for consideration.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Ms. Wilson

Conceptual approval. Agency to submit future developed building design, landscape plans, materials for final approval. Provide pictures of other buildings in the area to assist in understand context.

***Mr. Mills recused.**

Agency response to Board comments:

In attached presentation

Comments: Consider tying in dark colored panels into corrugated area or dropping light color and keeping two darker color. Consider a more contemporary monolithic approach by having mortar color match brick color.

Recommend removing of white pines from landscape plan and adding alternate plantings. Consider no depressions or mounds in site around building to allow “active” zones – keep green areas open.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Ms. Tuten

Mr. Mills recused

Final approval as submitted. Agency to submit updated landscape plan to Board for consent agenda approval.

3.2 UVA – Memorial to Enslaved Laborers

The physical form seeks to capture the complex and challenging lives of the enslaved through the duality of this painful chapter of American history: lives oppressed by the violence of bondage but also lives that bear witness to the perseverance of the human spirit. The Memorial captures these dualities in a circular form that references both the “Ring Shout,” a dance practiced by enslaved African Americans that celebrate spiritual liberation, and a broken shackle that signals the end of physical bondage. These dual conditions form two nested rings that break when they meet the ground; this break opens a circle that welcomes gathering. The wall will be fabricated from Virginia Mist granite, a local material that is used on the Rotunda terraces. The interior surface of the wall will bear the names of the slaves who worked at the University from 1817-1865. A timeline related to the history of slavery at the University will be carved into a stone bench located across the path from the wall. A series of stones set flush with the turf outside the memorial will mark the symbolic path of freedom toward the North Star.

Comments: Consider a more rugged, thermal finish ~~look~~ to stone seating areas. Consider adding more detail and texture to the overall memorial. Consider alternative tree species besides the use of ginkos. Consider a mix of tree species to represent what is found in a forest.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Ms. Tuten

Conceptual approval (with comments) as submitted. Agency to return with further developed design, selected materials and final landscape plan.

***Ms. Wilson recused.**

3.3 VMI - Post Infrastructure Improvements, Post Police

Gothic Revival with standing seam metal hip roof, cast stone parapet gables and crenellated turret Stucco façade with thermally broken aluminum clad wood windows. Concrete porch stoops with connecting brick/concrete sidewalks to the main circulation paths. The new Post Police building will be adjacent to the Limits Gates on Letcher Avenue. Letcher Avenue serves as the main entrance to VMI as well as to the adjacent Washington and Lee University. The current Post Police building has undergone multiple renovations and does not reflect typical Post architecture. As such, this new facility presents an opportunity to clearly delineate the boundary between the two institutions with a structure that clearly belongs to VMI.

Comments: Consider moving proposed sidewalk to edge of adjacent side road and adding a curb in order to expand the side yard. Make handrails less visible. This is a significant entry site to the campus and any structure built on the site must be respectful to the historic architectural context of the campus. Study the work of A.J. Davis (who is responsible for significant work

at VMI) to understand critical scale, mass, height, proportions, fenestrations, detailing, etc. for of the new building. Simplify landscape plan.

Motion: Ms. Wilson

Second: Mr. Mills

Conceptual approval (with comments) as submitted. Agency to return with further developed design concepts, final selected materials and final landscape plan for final approval.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next AARB Meeting is Friday, July 6, 2018.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED



Signature

Approved:



Director, Department of General Services

